MR. G. VELU PILLAI : May I know whether Government cannot compel the managements of the schools to introduce the provident fund system ?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON : At present the system is on a voluntary basis.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI : May I know whether all the teachers of private schools are getting the benefit of provident fund in those schools where it has been introduced ?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON : Only those who subscribe to the fund get the benefit of it.

Public Service.

141. * **MR. P. S. MUHAMED** (*Quilon cum Kottarakara*) : Will the Government be pleased :

(*a*) to lay on the table a copy of the Government order placing all appointments carrying a salary of above Rs. 20 in the intermediate grade ; and

(*b*) to state the reasons and circumstances that prompted the Government to make such modification in the rules governing the appointments in public service ?

MR. S. N. URE (*Public Service Commissioner*) : (*a*) No such order has been passed.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), this does not arise.

Visitors to the Aquarium.

142. * **MR. G. VELU PILLAI** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the average number of visitors per day in the Aquarium ;

(*b*) whether any fee is fixed for visitors ;

(*c*) if so, how much it is ;

(*d*) the amount collected up-to-date from tickets sold to visitors;

(*e*) the number of varieties of fish in the Aquarium at present ; and

(*f*) the name of the person who is in charge of the Aquarium ?

DR. K. L. MOUDGILL : (*a*) 100.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) One chuckram per head.

(*d*) Rs. 1,780-17-0.

(*e*) 27 varieties of fresh and brackish water fish and 24 varieties of marine fish.

(*f*) Mr. A. Paramoo, M. Sc. acting Curator working under the direct supervision of Dr. C. C. John, Professor of Marine Biology and Fisheries.

Aquarium.

143. * **MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN** (*Chirayinkil cum Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of the varieties of fish which had been in the Aquarium on 1-4-1116 ; and

(*b*) how many of them are extinct at present (5-4-1117) in the Aquarium ?

DR. K. L. MOUDGILL : (*a*) 24 varieties, of which 9 were of marine, 7 of brackish water and 8 of fresh water fish.

(*b*) the question is not understood.

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